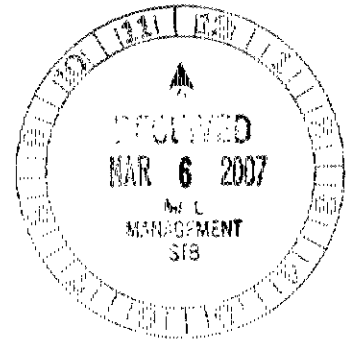


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By UPS overnight mail

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Re: Docket No. AB-850X, *St. Croix Valley Railroad Company -- Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption -- between Hinckley and Mora, in Pine and Kanabec Counties, MN*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of Petition For Issuance Of A Corrected Notice of Exempt Abandonment And Discontinuance Of Service, for filing with the Board in the above referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

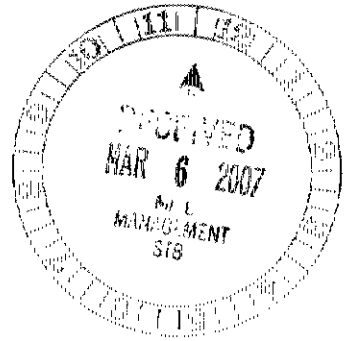
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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1117.1, ST. CROIX VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY (SCXY) hereby petitions that the Board issue a decision correcting its decision served July 7, 2003.

In a decision served July 7, 2003, the Board granted SCXY's petition for an exemption for (1) abandonment of its rail easement between Milepost 58.3 at Mora Junction and Milepost 47.6 at Mora, a distance of 10.7 miles; and (2) discontinuance of rail service pursuant to trackage rights over a rail line owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) between Hinckley and Mora Junction, a distance of 8.2 miles, all in Pine and Kanabec Counties, Minnesota.

The assets of the rail line between Mora Junction and Mora (No. 1 above) are owned by BNSF. BNSF has pointed out to SCXY that the Milepost designation for Mora was incorrectly stated in SCXY's Petition and in the Board's decision. The milepost designation of 47.6 should have been 47.0. However, reference to Mora as the terminal point of that part of the abandonment was correct.

Attached to this Petition as an Appendix is a copy of an e-mail message dated February 27, 2007 from Ms. Susan Odom of BNSF to Mr. Thomas McFarland, attorney for SCXY, in which Ms. Odom explains that BNSF's rail line between Milepost 2.0 at St. Cloud, MN and Milepost 47.0 at Mora was abandoned in Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 157), served October 25, 1983. Inasmuch as the intent was to abandon to the terminal point of that abandonment, SCXY's abandonment filing should have referred to Milepost 47.0 instead of Milepost 47.6.

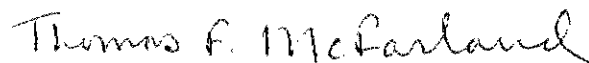
There are no shippers located between Milepost Nos. 47.0 and 47.6. The correction hereby requested would not have an adverse effect on any member of the public. On the contrary, as spelled out in Ms. Odom's message, the correction would allow the entire Mora-Mora Junction rail line to be railbanked and would enable a long-outstanding historic preservation condition to be satisfied.

WHEREFORE, the decision served July 7, 2003 should be corrected to change the milepost designation for Mora, Minnesota from Milepost 47.6 to Milepost 47.0.

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** Susan.Odom@BNSF.com**To:** mclarland@aol.com**Subject:** St. Croix Valley RR - STB Docket No. AB-850X**Date:** Wed, 28 Feb 2007 11:58 AM

Tom,

BNSF RR is in the process of transacting a railbanking agreement with Kanabec County for the portion of the Brook Park to Mora, MN line that lies between the Kanabec/Pine counties line and Mora. It has come to our attention that the SCXY abandonment filing (AB-850X) beginning at MP 58.3 at Mora Jct. (Brook Park) and ending at MP 47.6 at Mora should have extended to MP 47.00. As a point of reference, Burlington Northern (BN), predecessor to BNSF, consummated abandonment of the line from MP 2.00 at St. Cloud to MP 47.00 at Mora in ICC Docket No. AB-6, Sub No. 157 on October 25, 1983.

Per our discussion, please amend the filing of AB-850X to request abandonment exemption of SCXY's rail easement over the BNSF line between MP 58.3 at Mora Junction and MP 47.00 at Mora. This will allow the railbanking agreement to progress which will in turn allow the last remaining historical condition to be released on this exemption filing.

If you need additional information or I can be of service, please let me know. I appreciate your help on this.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 5, 2007, I served the foregoing document, Petition For Issuance Of A Corrected Notice Of Exempt Abandonment And Discontinuance Of Service, by first-class, U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on all parties served with the original Petition for Exemption in this proceeding:

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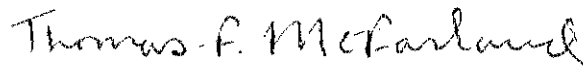
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